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Attachments: AX-12-000-7965 - John Hall (Great Bay) - Signed - 2012-09-27.pdf; EPA-HQ-2013-000197 - John Hall (Great Bay) - Incoming request.pdf

Hello Jim -

You've already been included in my e-mail inquiry seeking documents that are potentially responsive to John Hall's FOIA request on Great Bay (see PDFs below).

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Can you help?

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Subject: Seeking documents responsive to FOIA request on Great Bay

Peter and Glenn,

Ellen Gilinsky worked with both of you to respond to a recent controlled correspondence from John Hall regarding the Great Bay Estuary. Mr. Hall has now submitted a FOIA request seeking the basis for statements made in that letter (essentially, EPA's statement that scientific misconduct had not occurred).

I've been corresponding with OW, Region 1, and OGC to gather potentially responsive documents. (See the e-mail chain below, showing the widening net of contacts.) I believe that you are the final group I need to contact. Ellen has also agreed to provide potentially responsive documents.

Attached at the bottom of the e-mail chain are PDFs of two documents: the incoming FOIA request from John Hall, and the letter from Nancy that is the basis of the inquiry.

Thanks very much for your assistance. Please let me know if you have questions.

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Subject: Need your help responding to FOIA request on Great Bay

Greetings -

I understand that you folks have been involved in assisting with our response to John Hall's inquiries on the Great Bay Estuary. As described in my note below, we've received a FOIA request seeking documents that we used to develop the September 27 letter from Nancy to John.

I've attached more info below - please let me know if you have documents that are responsive.

Thanks!

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Subject: Need your help responding to FOIA request on Great Bay

Folks,

We have received a FOIA request from John Hall seeking documents that supported our response to his May 4 letter on the Great Bay Estuary matter. We need to assemble responsive documents. I am getting access to EPA's new FOIAonline system and can coordinate the response using the new system, but I will need your help.

Two things that need to happen initially -

1. Michelle and others, please provide me with electronic copies of documents and e-mail messages that are potentially responsive. Err on the side of over-inclusion for now - once I get a complete set of potentially responsive documents I can work with the appropriate folks to screen them.
2. Michelle, can you refer me to the folks in the Region that you worked with, as well as other people here at the Agency (e.g., the science advisor, OGC) who might have potentially responsive documents or be able to provide guidance. I need to contact them as well.

Please send me this information within the next couple of days so I can continue to next steps.

I'm attaching two documents:

- a. A copy of the incoming FOIA request
(*See attached file: EPA-HQ-2013-000197 - John Hall (Great Bay) - Incoming request.pdf*)
- b. A copy of Nancy's letter, which is the basis of his request

(See attached file: AX-12-000-7965 - John Hall (Great Bay) - Signed - 2012-09-27.pdf)

Thanks for your help.

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